

(c) Steps taken for containment of Malaria include:—

- \* Intensification of early detection and prompt treatment of Malaria including treatment of complicated cases by newer drugs.
- \* Intensification of vector control measures through prioritization of areas for selective spray with appropriate insecticides and alternative and integrated vector control methods.
- \* Introduction of newer insecticides like Synthetic Pyrethroids for selective use as per technical requirements.
- \* Intensification of Information Education and Communication (IEC) activities for public awareness and community participation.
- \* Institutional and management capacity building, manpower development through intensive re-orientation training programmes at all levels and efficient Management Information System (MIS).
- \* Implementation of an enhanced Malaria Control Project (EMCP) with World Bank support under the National Anti Malaria Programme (NAMP) since September, 1997, covering 1045 primary Health Centres (PHCs) in 100 predominantly tribal highly Malaria-endemic districts of 7 peninsular States, namely, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Orissa, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan and 19 cities/towns having high endemicity of malaria in these States and the States of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal, for intensification of Malaria Control activities by way of additional inputs through a mix of interventions.
- \* Providing 100% Central assistance to the 7 North Eastern States since December, 1994 under NMEP.

#### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

##### Overseas Urea Projects

2791. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of urea projects abroad, cleared by Government till date;
- (b) the present status of the on-going projects abroad, as on date; and
- (c) the details of projects cleared for implementation in the country during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) and (b) The details of urea projects abroad cleared by the Government and their present status are given below:—

- (i) Government has approved the investment by Krishak Bharati Cooperative Ltd. (KRIBHCO) and Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Ltd. (IFFCO) OF US \$ 80 million each in the equity of Oman India Fertilizer Company, namely, Oman Oil Company SAOC for setting up a joint venture fertilizer project in Oman for production of 16.52 lakh tonnes per annum (TPA) of granulated urea and 2.48 lakh TPA of merchant grade ammonia at an estimated capital cost of US \$ 969 million subject to resolution of certain outstanding issues.
- (ii) M/s Southern Petro-chemicals Industries Corporation Ltd. (SPIC) is implementing a joint venture, namely, SPIC Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd. at Jebel Ali near Dubai in the United Arab Emirates for the production of 3.96 lakh MT of urea per annum at an estimated cost of US \$ 160 million. The equity share capital of SPIC in the proposed joint venture company would be 51% and that of foreign partners would be 49%. The joint venture company was incorporated on 28.9.1998. The overall progress on the project has been reported to be about 57% as on 31.3.2000.
- (c) As per the industrial policy resolution dated 24th July 1991, no license is normally required for setting up/expansion of fertilizer plants. Entrepreneurs are free to set up fertilizer projects anywhere in the country subject to environmental clearance. Public Sector Undertakings/Cooperative Societies under the administrative control of the Department of Fertilizers have however to obtain approval of the Government before undertaking such capital expenditure beyond their delegated powers.

The details of such proposals cleared for implementation by the Government during the last three years are given below:—

- (i) National Fertilizers Limited (NFL) urea expansion project at Nangal, Punjab for expansion of the existing production capacity of urea by 1.48 lakh tonnes per annum (TPA) at an estimated cost of Rs. 135.13 crore was approved by the Government in May, 2000. The project is scheduled to be commissioned by 11.5.2001. A total expenditure of Rs. 69.07 crore has been incurred on the project till the end of July, 2000 and it has achieved an overall physical progress of 82.2%.
- (ii) The revamp of the Namrup plants of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. (HFC), at an approved cost of Rs. 350 crore approved by the Government in October, 1997 is under implementation. After revamp, the plant will have the capacity of 5.3 lakh TPA of urea. A total expenditure of Rs. 36.86 crore has been incurred on the project till the end of July, 2000 and it has achieved an overall physical progress of 57.90%.

**Closing down of HFC units**

2792. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) the units of Hindustan Fertilizers Corporation Ltd. proposed to be closed down;
- (b) the units proposed to be retained and restructured;
- (c) the amount to be spent on each of these units for restructuring; and
- (d) the action taken to ensure that interests of workers of the units to be closed are safeguarded?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) to (d) While a decision has already been taken by the Government to close/hive off the Haldia Fertilizer Project which could never be commissioned, the revamp of the Namrup Unit of Hindustan Fertilizers Corporation Ltd. (HFC) has also been approved at a cost of Rs. 350 crore. Comprehensive rehabilitation proposal based on unitwise techno-economic viability for the remaining units of HFC is to be submitted to